

Appl. No. 10/057,666
Amendment dated December 7, 2004
Reply to Office action of October 8, 2004

Remarks/Arguments

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-10 and 13 are pending in the application and have been allowed, subject to removal of certain "wherein" clauses from claims 5, 6, 9, and 10.

Objections

The Office has objected to claims 5, 6, 9 and 10 since the versions of these claims filed with the amendment of August 2, 2004 include "wherein" phrases that were deleted in the previous amendment. The applicant has amended claims 5, 6, 9, and 10 to remove the "wherein" clauses that were removed in the amendment of November 7, 2003, but inadvertently reintroduced in the amendment of August 2, 2004. Accordingly, applicant requests that the objection to claims 5, 6, 9 and 10 be withdrawn.

Conclusion

The presently pending claims have been allowed, and the present amendment addresses the objection to claims 5, 6, 9 and 10. Applicant believes that this paper is responsive to each and every ground of rejection or objection cited by the Examiner in the Action dated October 8 2004, and respectfully requests allowance of the application. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the application.

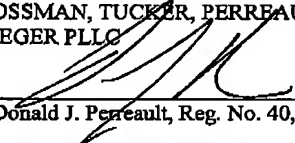
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